

Amendment to the Claims

Below is a complete listing of the claims.

1 – 5 (Cancelled).

6. (Currently amended) A support for attaching a non-lethal implement to a firearm, the firearm having a rail and a stop ~~that is not part of the rail~~, the support comprising:

first means for mechanically coupling the non-lethal implement to the rail; and

second means for coupling the non-lethal implement to the stop to reduce motion of the non-lethal implement along the rail parallel to a direction of delivery of the ~~a~~ lethal force of the firearm.

7. (Currently amended) The support of claim 6 wherein the first means is adapted for coupling to the rail conforms to a picatinny rail.

8. (Currently amended) The support of claim 6 wherein ~~the stop comprises a sight~~ the second means is adapted for coupling to a sight that includes the stop.

9. (Currently amended) A support for attaching a non-lethal implement to a firearm, the firearm having a rail and a stop that is not part of the rail, the support comprising:

a first channel that receives the rail to mechanically couple the non-lethal implement and the rail;

a first abutment surface ~~that abuts the stop~~ and a first fastener that cooperate to confine the stop therebetween;

a first fastener that maintains the first abutment surface against the stop;

a second channel that receives the non-lethal implement; and

a second fastener that retains the non-lethal implement in the second channel.

10. (Currently amended) The weapon of claim 9 wherein the second channel is adapted to receive an implement that delivers a non-lethal force comprising electromuscular stimulation.

11. (Currently amended) The support of claim 9 wherein the first channel is adapted to receive the rail conforms to a picatinny rail.

12. (Currently amended) The support of claim 9 wherein at least one of the first fastener and the second fastener is manually releasable without using a tool.

13. (Previously presented) The support of claim 12 wherein the at least one fastener is released by manually accomplishing a rotary motion of a portion of the fastener to an extent less than 720 degrees.
14. (Previously presented) The support of claim 9 wherein the non-lethal implement delivers non-lethal force from the front of the non-lethal implement and the second channel comprises a second abutment surface that faces a rear surface of the non-lethal implement.
15. (Currently amended) The support of claim 9 wherein:
the support further comprises a first portion and a second portion; and
the first fastener mechanically joins the first portion of the support to the second portion of the support.
16. (Currently amended) The support of claim 9 wherein:
the support further comprises a first portion and a second portion; and
the second fastener mechanically joins the first portion of the support to the second portion of the support.
17. Cancelled.
18. (New) A support for attaching a non-lethal implement to a firearm, the firearm having a rail and a stop that is not part of the rail, the support comprising:
a first member;
a second member coupled to the first member to form an assembly that holds the implement between the first member and the second member, the assembly having a channel that receives the rail; and
a fastener that restricts motion of the assembly with respect to the stop thereby restricting sliding of the channel with respect to the rail.
19. (New) The support of claim 18 wherein the fastener is manually releasable without using a tool.
20. (New) A method performed by a support to maintain attachment and alignment of an implement to a firearm, the method comprising:
grasping the implement;
grasping a rail of the firearm; and
grasping a stop of the firearm that is not part of the rail.
21. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein:

the rail has an axis along a length of the rail; and
grasping the rail registers the implement to the axis.

22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein registering the implement to the axis aligns the implement in a direction of delivery of lethal force of the firearm.

23. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein grasping the implement comprises fastening a first member of the support to a second member of the support.

24. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein grasping the rail comprises sliding the support onto the rail.

25. (New) A method performed by a support to maintain attachment and alignment of an implement to a firearm, the support comprising a set of structures, each structure of the set being integral to one of the implement and the firearm the method comprising:

sliding a first structure of the set onto a second structure of the set to accomplish alignment in a direction of delivery of a lethal force of the firearm; and

coupling a third structure of the set to a fourth structure of the set to substantially restrict further sliding, the third structure and the fourth structure not part of the first structure or the second structure.